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GROUPS

1. SUMMARY: IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS, WE HAVE SEEN
A UPTURN IN PRC ATTENTION TO MARXIST-LENINIST SPLINTER
GROUPS, PARTICULARLY IN WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. WE
SUSPECT THIS IS DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO OFFSET ALBANIAN
CRITICISM THAT THE PRC HAS ABANDONED THE "TRUE" REVO-
LUTIONARY CUASE BUT ALSO TO BOLSTER HUA KUO-FENG'S
CREDENTIALS AS A LEADER WHO HAS NOT FORESAKEN MAOIST
REVOLUTIONARY TENENTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS WE HAVE SEEN IN RAPID SUCCESSION:
--VISITING LEADERS OF NON-FULING MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST
PARTIES FROM THE US, DENMARK, AND BELGIUM RECEIVED BY
CCP CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG;
--VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN MEETING WITH
SWIDISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS;
--NCNA REPLAY OF THE "VOICE OF THE MALAYAN

REVOLUTION BOADCAST COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PRC'S PEOPLE'S ALIBERATION ARMY;
--MESSAGES AND ARTICLES CARRIED IN NCNA FROM AT
LEAST 14 FOREIGN MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTIES
CONGRATULATING THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY ON THE
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE THIRD PLENUM OF THE TENTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE HELD LAST MONTH.
--NCNA REPLAY ON AUGUST 8 , EXDERPTS FROM AN ARTICLE BY E.J.
HILL, CHAIRMAN OF THE AUSTRALIAN (M-L) COMMUNIST PARTY
SUPPORTING MAOIST FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS AND IMPLICITLY
APPROVING PRC NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE US TO COUNTER
THE "SOVIET MENACD." THE ARTICLE EVEN STATED THAT LENIN
"RIDICULED THE 'LEFT' LINE OF 'NO COMPROMISES'" AND
CITED THE SOVIET-GERMAN NON-AGGRESSION PACT OF 1939 AS
A WORTHY EXAMPLE.

3. WHILE CHINESE REPLAY OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES IS
NORMAL FOR MAJOR PARTY EVENTS, WE ARE STUCK BY THE
AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY SURROUNDING NON-RULING COMMUNIST
PARTIES AND THE HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION ACCORDED TO
VISITING LEADERS OF SPLINTER GROUPS BY CCP CHAIRMAN
HUA KUO-FENG. FROM THE CHINESE STANDPOINT, HIGH
LEVEL PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THESE VISITS OFFERS
SEVERAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVANTAGES. IT GIVES THE
CHINESE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE CCP
IS THE ONLY "TRUE" LEADER OF THE WORLD, ALBEIT
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SPLINTERED, COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, DESPITE RECENT CHARGES
BY THE ALBANIAN MEDIA THAT THE PRC HAS LOST SOME OF ITS
REVOLUTIONARY VERVE. IT ALSO GIVES THE CHINESE A WEAK
FOOTHOLD WITHIN THE SPLINTER GROUPS IN WESTERN
EUROPE, WHICH FROM THE CHINESE PERSPECTIVE, MAY
EVENTUALLY HAVE IMPORTANT BENEFITS IN ITS PROPAGANDA
WAR WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

4. IN ADDITION, HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION HAS IMPORTANT
CHINESE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. COMING IN
THE WAKE OF TENG HSIAO-PING'S REHABILITATION (WHICH
MANY FEEL HUA KUO-FENG RESISTED), HUA KUO-FENG'S
RECEPTION OF THESE VISITING LEADERS AND THE CONTINUED
PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THESE GROUPS SEEMS DESIGNED TO
UNDERSCORE HUA AS THE REVOLUTIONARY SUCCESSOR TO MAO

5. IN ANY CASE, CONTINUED MEDIA ATTENTION TO NON-
RULING FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE
WILL PROBABLY NOT COMPLICATE CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY
AND WILL AT MOST REMAIN AN EMBARRASSMENT TO RULING PARTIES.
ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTINUED CHINESE PUBLICITY
SURROUNDING THE VOICE OF MALAYA REVOLUTION, THE

BURMESE AND THAI INSURGENCIES AND THE PKI (COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDONESIA) WILL DO LITTLE TO CALM REGIONAL FEARS THAT THE PRC IS STILL EMBARKED ON A COURSE OF UNDERMINING SEA SECURITY. CHINESE LEADERS FEEL COMPELLED TO CONTINUE PROPAGANDA AND TO SOME EXTENT MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THESE GROUPS TO ENSURE CONTINUED CHINESE INFLUENCE AND PREVENT FURTHER SOVIET AND VIETNAMESE INROADS ON CHINA'S STRATEGIC SOUTHERN FLANK.
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